#### Inclusion Philosophy

The City of Shakopee is committed to providing opportunities for residents to participate in recreational activities regardless of their abilities. Employees are trained to provide appropriate inclusion services in order to accommodate or modify any needs which may arise in order for participants to benefit equally from recreational experiences.







The Mission of the City of Shakopee is to provide the opportunity to live, work and play in a community with a proud past, promising future, and small-town atmosphere within a metropolitan setting. The city will provide customerfriendly, high-quality public services that are intended to meet the changing needs of its residents and the community at large.

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## INCLUSION SERVICES



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How is The City of Shakopee working towards inclusive programming and accessible facility goals?

- This City established a citizen based Accessibility Task Force to review facility and program needs.
- The City has conducted a Self Evaluation of programs, services and facilities.
- Based on the Self-Evaluation, the City has established a transition plan that identifies barriers to access facilities, programs and services.
- The City has prioritized the barriers per facility and works towards identified goals.
- City staffs have participated in disability awareness and inclusion workshops.
- The City provides a process for inclusion services in relation to recreational programs.
- The City reviews plans to ensure accessibility of newly constructed parks and facilities.

#### **Inclusive Programs**

Any recreational program offered by the City of Shakopee can be an inclusive program.

#### The Inclusion Process

If a participant will need assistance to participate, please:

- 1. Register for the desired program and indicate a need for inclusion services on the registration form.
- 2. Contact recreation supervisor Brad Eller at 952-233-9507 to discuss strategies for inclusion. This may include information gathering and/or an intake assessment.
- If needed, accommodations and/or modifications will be made based on the participant's needs.
- 4. The participant begins the program.
- Ongoing evaluation of inclusion services and/or experiences will be provided.

To ensure that a participant's accessibility needs are met, please contact us three weeks prior to the program.

#### Goals for Inclusion Services

- To allow participants to have the same choices and opportunities as other participants.
- To increase community awareness and understanding of people with disabilities.
- To increase awareness of resources and recreational opportunities for individuals with disabilities.
- To provide an opportunity for all individuals to participate in any recreational program based on interest and not ability level.

### Types of Inclusion Services

The most common types of assistance include extra support or one-on-one staffing. Other modifications or adaptations may be offered based on a needs assessment.